

Tourism Development at Places of Pilgrimage

1943. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities for pilgrims developed by or with the financial assistance of the Union Government, in respect of various places of religious pilgrimage during the last five years;

(b) the total investment made by the Union Government direct or indirect, project-wise; and

(c) whether the approved projects have been executed directly by the Union Government or by the State Government or Union Territory concerned?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) With the financial assistance from the Central Department of Tourism, Yatrikas, Yatri Niwases, tourist lodges and complexes have been constructed at places of pilgrimage.

(b) The funds sanctioned by the Central Department of tourism during the last five years are as follows:-

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| 1. Yatrikas | : Rs. 29.35 lakhs |
| 2. Yatri Niwases | : Rs. 158.19 lakhs |
| 3. Tourist lodges/
Tourist complexes | : Rs. 68.87 lakhs |

(c) Approved Yatrikas are constructed by Bhartiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti, a society sponsored by the Central Department of Tourism, whereas Yatri Niwas, Tourist lodges/complexes are constructed by the agencies of State Governments/Union Territories concerned.

Deaths in Operation Theatres

1944. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Operation and theater deaths" and "safety steps for anaesthesia urged" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated October 31, 1991; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

The matter of deaths in operation theater in Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narain Hospital, New Delhi, has been enquired into by a three member expert Committee constituted by the Delhi Administration which has since submitted its report. To ensure non-recurrence of the incident in future, the following steps have been initiated by Delhi Administration:-

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| i) | To augment the essential anaesthesia equipment in the Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narain Hospital while condemning old and outdated equipment. |
| ii) | A proper drill for enquiring into death cases has been laid down. |
| iii) | Legal action to be taken against the firm which repeatedly repaired the machine and certified it as being fault free. |